

## CITY COUNCIL CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813-3065/Telephone 547-7000

Charles K. Djou

Councilmember, District IV Chair, Parks Committee

Phone: (808) 547-7004 / Facsimile: (808) 523-4220

Email cdjou@honolulu.gov

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 13, 2005

For More Information, Please Contact: Councilmember Charles K. Djou Phone: (808) 478-0006

COUNCILMEMBER DJOU:
APPLAUDS MAYOR HANNEMANN'S PUSH TO
REDUCE CITY FUNDING OF SUNSET ON THE BEACH EVENTS

Councilmember Charles K. Djou (Waikiki, Hawaii Kai) applauded the Hannemann Administration for reducing City funding of Sunset on the Beach events. "These events are worthwhile and have boosted the visitor and tourism industry in Waikiki, however, it makes sense that private sponsors take over the operation, funding and promotion of the events. I am pleased that the new Administration has taken steps to implement tighter spending of our tax dollars," stated Djou.

In recent years, the City has spent approximately \$300,000 for Brunch on the Beach, and other events including Sunset on the Beach and free weekend movies have totaled nearly \$1 million.

"With Honolulu facing tough fiscal times, we need clear debt and spending ceilings to control government expenditures. I look forward to working with the new Administration to reduce other unnecessary City spending," stated Councilmember Djou.

# # #